

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Republican Colleague,

Our Conference has had unique challenges come before us in the last few weeks. Questions about the path forward for our Conference and the nation are important ones, and ones that we need to solve.

While these questions are very important it is our strong feeling that Members need to come together to figure out what we are and where we are going as a Conference, **before** we figure out who will lead us.

Too often decisions are made in a 24/7 news cycle where people do not have full information, have not fully considered the consequences of action or inaction, and Members are locked into a position that may very well change based on future circumstances.

We agree that finding a conservative leader with the temperament, disposition, leadership qualities, and ability to be a leader of the House, our Conference, and the nation is our shared goal.

An internal discussion about Conference and House rules is important, and needs to continue. We are all committed to a thorough review of the processes and procedures that guide our Conference and the House. That process, however, should not stop the House from doing the important work of the American people. We owe that to our constituents and our nation.

We would ask that Members not commit to a determinative course of action before our Conference can meet and find a shared set of goals and governing vision that benefits the nation and our constituents.

Sincerely,

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